



1997 SENATE BILL 426

January 28, 1998 - Introduced by Senators GEORGE, RUDE, DARLING and WELCH, cosponsored by Representatives MORRIS-TATUM, STASKUNAS, JENSEN, RILEY and NOTESTEIN. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 59.52 (29) (a); and *to create* 59.52 (29) (c) of the statutes;
2 relating to: authorizing certain counties to let public works contracts under
3 the design and build construction process.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

In general, under current law, before a contract for public construction with a value that exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$20,000 may be let by a county, a class 1 notice of the proposed construction must be given by the county board. Also under current law, before a contract for public construction with a value that exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$10,000 may be let by a municipality (2nd, 3rd or 4th class city, or a village or town), a class 1 notice of the proposed construction must be given by the municipality's governing body. Before a contract for public construction with a value that exceeds \$20,000 may be let by a county, or exceeds \$10,000 in the case of a municipality, certain other requirements, such as a lowest responsible bidder requirement, must be met. A county board, by a three-fourths vote of its membership, may also authorize the county itself to perform any class of public work if the estimated cost of the work exceeds \$20,000.

This bill authorizes a county with a population of at least 500,000 (presently only Milwaukee County) to let a public works contract using the design and build construction process, which is defined as a method of construction under which the engineering, design and construction services are provided by a single entity.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 SECTION 1. 59.52 (29) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

